# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1179
ANSWERED ON:25.02.2003
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
ALE NARENDRA

**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of G.D.P. being spent on strengthening the science and technology infrastructure in the country;

(b) whether the present level of investment of G.D.P. in the science and technology is inadequate to meet the requirements of this sector; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

a) to c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS a) to c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1179 25.02.2003 REGARDING `INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY`.

a) As per the latest available official statistics, the R&D expenditure as percentage of Gross National Product (GNP) was 0.81% in 1998-99.

b)&c) The `Science and Technology Policy 2003` announced by the Government envisages to raise the level of investment on Science and Technology to at least 2% by the end of 10th Plan with enhanced participation in R&D investment by industry. The 10th Plan S&T outlay for scientific agencies has increased from Rs. 12022.17 Crores in 9th Plan to Rs. 25243.00 Crores. The Government has been encouraging investment on R&D both in industry and institutions through several fiscal incentives and other support measures such as income tax relief on R&D expenditure, weighted tax deduction for sponsored research, Custom Duty Exemption on goods imported for use in Government funded R&D projects, five year tax holiday for commercial R&D companies and National Awards for outstanding R&D.